Software Underground

Board Meeting

25 March 2025

Mattermost board for Board Meetings: [Board To Do](#)

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 15.00 UTC on Tuesday 25 March 2025. Quorum is 5.

Chair: Santi

Regrets: Leo

Present: Dieter, Andrea, Matt, Matteo

Visiting:

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:
https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board

Remarks

- **None**

Andrea Balza as new Board Member

The Software Underground membership voted on adding Andrea Balza as a new board member with 38 votes in favor and 0 votes against. Welcome Andrea!

There are a few things that we need to do in order to formalize it.

- Make sure the new board member understands the responsibilities of the position.
- Add member to Corporations Canada, and remove Rowan
- Add Andrea to the website

Remarks

- **Matt to make Corp Canada changes**
- **Matt to draft "responsibilities" doc in GitHub - and also make a list of how we onboard board members**
  - **Add the new member to the `swung-org-private`**
  - **Offer the new member access to the 1Password**
  - **Writing access to the Google Docs folder**
  - **Offer to be an admin on Mattermost (requires 2FA and strong non-reused password)**
  - **Profile picture and bio for the website**
- **Matt to add Andrea to all the things: website, Google docs, and the other things on the onboarding list** 🙂

Rowan stepping down from the board

Matt's post:

> *@Rowan Cockett will be stepping off the board this month. Rowan has been a fixture in Swung since... actually I'm not certain, but a long time. (He and Seogi Kang came as a pair to the 2014 Denver hackathon on 'resolution' - and IIRC they won the top prize from the jury. Classic Rowan :D) And of course he moves in the same circles as SimPEG and is CEO of Curvenote, where @Steve and other lovely Swungers live. He's one of the most creative and generous scientist-business-hackers in the world, and we're privileged indeed to have people like him in our midst. We thank him for his service! :raised_hands:*

Remarks

- **Opposite tasks from the onboarding**
  - **Corp Canada**
  - **Google Docs**
  - **Website**
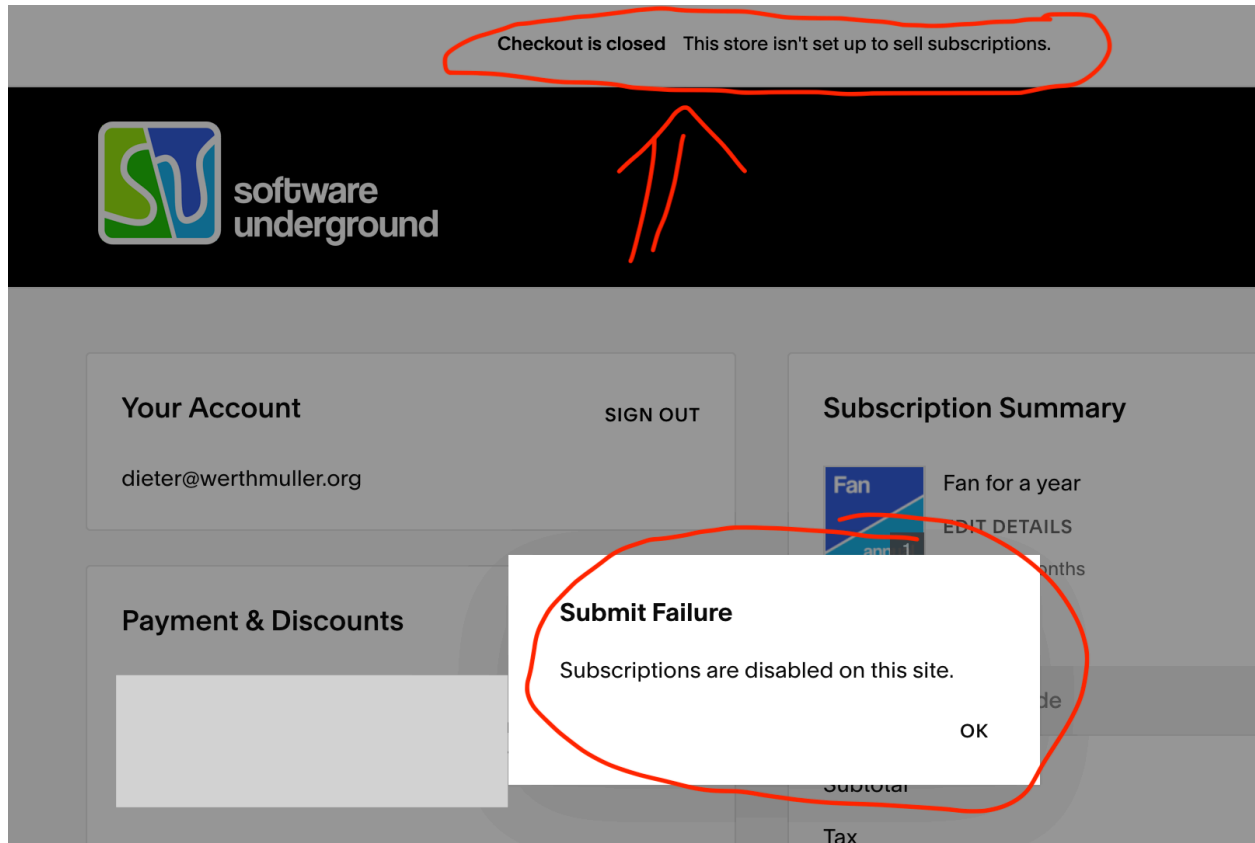 - **Swung-org-private**
  - **1Password**

swu.ng Expiration

- The swu.ng-domain expired, that we used for URL shortening? Do we need it?
  - swu.ng-links are sprinkled all over, on Mattermost, on GitHub, even on softwareunderground.org

- **Matt says he is working on getting swu.ng back. The links are made on short.io, so we did not lose that information.**
- Dieter just made an export of all links, for a backup for now. It could probably be cleaned up.
- Once we have it back, we should think about a Mattermost integration. See Parking Lot.
- Some examples:
    - [swu.ng](swu.ng) -> softwareunderground.org
    - swu.ng/mattermost, swu.ng/slack -> https://softwareunderground.org/mattermost
    - [swu.ng/t[20/21/22]-playlist](swu.ng/t[20/21/22]-playlist),
    - [swu.ng/t[20/21/22]schedule](swu.ng/t[20/21/22]schedule)
    - swu.ng/chateau,
    - swu.ng/t21-instrux
    - swu.ng/youtube
    - [swu.ng/CoC](swu.ng/CoC)
    - swu.ng/shop
    - swu.ng/open-source-wishlist

Subscriptions are disabled

Several of us got an email that our subscription expired. When trying to subscribe again, it fails with the following screenshot:

Remarks

- **Matt will look into it, and let us know.**

Transform

Keep the conversation about Transform, keep the wheel rolling.

Remarks

- **Aim for live tutorials for ~1h, streamed on YT over a week or so.**
- **Find a week.**
- **4 ppl to host it.**
- **~10 tutorials.**
- **Matt had a list of possible candidates. Dieter will grep the slack backups to find that list.**

- **Hands on tutorials, 2 ppl as minimum. One can be a speaker, the other person could be on Mattermost Q&A.**
- **We used to stream through Jitsi directly to YT.**
- **Other activities:**
  - **Lightning talks (great success!)**
  - **Birds of a feather (not very popular, but we can still consider them)**
- **Propose a few weeks and make a poll!**
  - **Oct 13**
  - **Oct 20**
- **Projects with likely candidates:**
  - **Devito**
  - **Gempy**
  - **Fatiando**
  - **SimPEG**
  - **GSTools**
  - **Curvenote**
  - **Bane Sullivan**
  - **PyGIMLi, Empymod, etc**
  - **Equinor something… xtgeo, ert/fmu**
  - **EarthByte, Australia: https://www.earthbyte.org**
  - **Zoltan Sylvester… segmentanygrain**
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TODO

- Santi: Check if there's an option to create an anonymous Poll. If not, we could check if there's another poll plugin that allows it.
- Santi: make a poll about transform weeks
- Matt: most of the onboarding process for Andrea, and create "responsibilities" and "onboarding" documents in github.
- Matt: Fix the subscriptions being disabled in the website.. Post on general notifying ppl that subscriptions are working again.

Parking lot / next meeting

- Once we have swu.ng back, check with Jorgen if he could make a plugin for Mattermost using the short.io API.

Mattermost Review Poll

In the last meeting we discussed creating a poll to ask the whole community to provide feedback on Mattermost. We listed a few questions to ask in the poll (see last meeting notes).

Now we have a poll bot installed in Mattermost, we can use it for this poll!

Remarks